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1. The barracks in Gero (K-06) on the road leading northward from the town toward Langenberg, which were previously used as a refugee camp, have now been occupied by a Red Army infantry regiment which arrived from the USSR between 14 and 20 December 1946 and consists mainly of Asiatics. One of these Red Army men wore a badge on the right breast, but it was impossible definitely to identify it as a guards badge.

2. Red Army troops hitherto stationed in Halberstadt, Magdeburg and Halle have been withdrawn to an unknown destination and replaced by fresh troops, mostly Asiatics, who have arrived direct from the USSR. The change-over took place between 1 and 15 December 1946.

3. While Leipzig was full of Red Army troops in November 1946, there was a very noticeable and continuous diminution in their numbers during December. Withdrawals took place in small groups, and no troops of more than company strength left or arrived at Leipzig during December.

4. In contrast to November 1946 no heavy equipment, either air force vehicles or guns, were seen in the above-mentioned towns during December.

5. As a result of the arrival of Asiatic troops in these areas, there has been a sharp increase in the number and scale of excesses of various kinds, such as robberies, murders, etc. In Leipzig the German police attached a notice reading "Achtung - bei Einbruch der Dunkelheit - Bandengefahr!" to the Golitzer Barracks in Leipzig, which are occupied by Red Army troops.

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